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ELECTION

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1. PREMIER PETER LOUGHEED HAS RECEIVED HIS REQUESTED
MANDATE FROM THE PEOPLE - A CONVINCING VICTORY FOR HIS
ALBERTA CONSERVATIVE PARTY AT YESTERDAYS PROVINCIAL POLLS
THAT DECIMATED SOCIAL CREDIT, LIBERAL, AND NEW DEMOCRATIC
PARTY OPPOSITION, AND WHICH REAFFIRMED PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR
LOUGHEED'S ENERGY POLICIES.

2. THE RESULTS OF THE PROVINCIAL ELECTION FOUND THE PARTY
STANDINGS IN ALBERTA AS FOLLOWS, WITH PREVIOUS SEATS IN THE
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY IN PARENTHESIS: PROGRESSIVE CONSER-
VATIVE 69 (49), SOCIAL CREDIT 4 (24), NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY
1 (1), INDEPENDENT 1 (1), AND LIBERALS 0 (0).

3. THE MARGIN OF VICTORY RECORDED BY THE ALBERTA PCS
SURPRISED EVEN THEIR MOST ARDENT SUPPORTERS. THE SOCIAL
CREDIT PARTY VIRTUALLY WAS DESTROYED AS A PROVINCIAL
POLITICAL FACTOR AND ITS LEADER, WERNER SCHMIDT, FAILED
FOR THE THIRD TIME IN HIS TRY FOR AN ASSEMBLY SEAT.
PROVINCIAL LIBERAL PARTY LEADER NICK TAYLOR SAW ALL OF HIS
PARTY'S 45 CANDIDATES DEFEATED AND BLAMED THE WHITE WASHING
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ON ALBERTA ANTI-LIBERALISM. THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY GAINED

NO GROUND, AND LEADER GRANT NOTLEY SALVAGED HIS ASSEMBLY
SEAT BY A BARE 115 VOTE MARGIN.

4.THE HUGE LEGISLATIVE MAJORITY OF THE PROVINCIAL PC'S
ELIMINATES ANY POSSIBLE WORKING OPPOSITION IN ALBERTA TO
THE LOUGHEED GOVERNMENT, AND IS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE FACT
THAT QUOTE NOTHING SUCCEEDS BETTER THAN SUCCESS UNQUOTE.

5. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.

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